

Remembering...
Irving Reade Eyster

Irving Reade Eyster passed away in February, at 95 years of age. A long-time resident of Islamorada, he is survived by his wife of 68 years, Jeane Eyster; three children: Robert (Sandy), Barbara Eyster Edgar (David), and David Eyster; and three grandchildren: Cinnamon Edgar, Veronica, and Evan Eyster. Irving was a friend to everyone he met.

Born in Indianapolis, Indiana, Eyster had resided in Lower Matecumbe since 1952 and had been a Keys resident since 1947. He taught archaeology at FIU and University of Miami; anthropology at Miami-Dade Community College and was a Dade County archaeologist for two years. He was a member of the Society of Professional Archaeologists and served on the Historic Florida Keys Preservation Board for 16 years. He was president of Matecumbe Historical Trust. His books include: *Indian Key, Handbook of South Florida Archaeology*, and *Islamorada and More*. His most recent book was *Dr. Jeremiah Reade Explores Florida in 1882 - 1883*.

Irving Eyster lived in and enjoyed the Florida Keys for over 60 years and dedicated his life to making the islands a better place for all. He accumulated countless friends during his impressive and captivating journey as an archaeologist and historian.

The family is requesting donations to the Matecumbe Historical Trust in order to preserve Irving's work and bring his dream of a building a museum to fruition; P.O. Box 1175, Islamorada, FL 33036, or call Barbara Edgar at (305) 393-0940, or donations may be made on the web at matecumbehistoricaltrust.com.

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3rd Annual Dance of the Dragonfly

The Third Annual Dance of the Dragonfly, a spring semi-formal dinner dance benefiting the Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of the Florida Keys, will be held from 6:30pm until 10:30pm on Saturday, March 22, at the Key Largo Bay Marriott Beach Resort in Key Largo, Florida.

The festivities will begin with a cocktail reception at 6:30 p.m., followed by dinner and dancing with live music by Xpresso, and a special performance and live auctioneering by Queen Mother 30 Miss Gassy Winds. Also, there will be both live and silent auctions featuring art, jewelry, travel, one-of-a-kind experiences and several "Buy It Now!" items.

The Dance of the Dragonfly marks the beginning of the year-long celebration

honoring the 30th Anniversary of VNA/Hospice. Visiting Nurse Association & Hospice of the Florida Keys is an integrated agency that has been providing skilled home health, private duty care and hospice services to the residents and visitors of Monroe County since 1984. Proceeds from the dance will support these services.

Tickets are \$100 per person. Presenting Tables for 10 are available for \$5,000; Event Sponsor tables for 10 are \$3,000; and Dragonfly sponsorships, which include four tickets, are available for \$1,500. A portion of each ticket and/or table is tax deductible. For more information or to purchase tickets, contact Natalie Maddox at 305-294-4310 ext. 20 or nmaddox@vnahospicekeys.org



Many thanks to all the hard working volunteers and Elks members, CSHS students and the local community for supporting the Elks' Broadway Night event in February. The show tunes, sung by Tim Shepherd (aka Elvis) and Carmen Key, were enjoyed by everyone. Proceeds benefited Elks local charities.



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